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SUBJ: AGENDA FOR DPC MINISTERIAL MEETING, MAY 22 AND 23

REF: A. USNATO 2148 (NOTAL); B. STATE 89951

SUMMARY. ON APRIL 25 DRC DISCUSSED MAY 22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. IS WILL CIRCULATE A REVISED AGENDA FOR DPC PERMREPS' CONSIDERATION, WHICH WILL LIST STANDARDIZATION AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM AND ASK FOR DECISION ON WHERE TO PLACE RESTRICTED SESSION IN AGENDA. END SUMMARY.

1. ON APRIL 25 DRC INFORMALLY DISCUSSED MAY 22-23 DPC MINISTERIAL AGENDA. US REP (BGEN BOWMAN) PRESSED STRONGLY FOR RESTRICTED SESSION AT BEGINNING OF MINISTERIAL MEETING (FOR EXAMPLE, FOLLOWING CHAIRMAN EUROGROUP STATEMENT), AND FOR INCLUDING STANDARDIZATION AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM. US REP SAID SECRETARY SCHLESINGER AND OTHER MINISTERS USE RESTRICTED PERIOD AS A WARMING-UP SESSION; IT HELPS ELIMINATE FORMALITIES, OPENS UP FREE DISCUSSION, AND HELPS PROMOTE INTEREST IN FORMAL
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AGENDA ITEMS. HE SAID US FEELS STANDARDIZATION IS OF SUCH IMPORTANCE THAT IT MERITS A SEPARATE AGENDA HEADING. CHAIRMAN HUMPHREYS FURNISHED PRINCIPAL OPPOSITION TO EARLY RESTRICTED

SESSION; HOWEVER, A NUMBER OF REPS DID NOT OFFER VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. CHAIRMAN SAID MORNING RESTRICTED SESSION MIGHT CRAMP DISCUSSION BECAUSE OF NEED TO BREAK FOR OFFICIAL LUNCH, AND IF ALL OR MOST OF FORMAL AGENDA ITEMS NOT COMPLETED ON FIRST DAY, COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING COMMITTEE IS FACED WITH PROBLEM OF TRYING TO AGREE ON A COMMUNIQUE WITHOUT BENEFIT OF MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION.

2. FOLLOWING LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS, DRC AGREED THAT IS WOULD CIRCULATE A REVISED AGENDA FOR THE DPC PERMREPS' CONSIDERATION (DATE NOT YET FIXED). COVER NOTE WILL REQUEST INSTRUCTED NATIONAL POSITIONS ON REVISED AGENDA, ESPECIALLY WHERE RESTRICTED SESSION BEST FITS, DRC AGREED THAT AGENDA WOULD NOT LIST TOPICS FOR RESTRICTED SESSION, AS THIS MIGHT STRUCTURE SESSION. IN RESPONSE TO CHAIRMAN'S REQUEST, US REP CITED TOPICS IN PARA 4, REF B AS POSSIBLE SUBJECTS SECRETARY SCHLESINGER MIGHT RAISE; NO OTHER REPS OFFERED POSSIBLE SUBJECTS.

3. MISSION ANTICIPATES REVISED AGENDA WILL BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

I - INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING, IN BRACKETS. COMMENT: RETAINED IN BRACKETS; MOST REPS FAVORED CHAIRMAN MC INCLUDING SIGNIFICANT INTELLIGENCE DEVELOPMENTS IN HIS PREPARED REMARKS.

II - STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN, MC.

III - STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN, EUROGROUP.

IV - MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE. COMMENT: DRC DECIDED TO CITE FORTHCOMING PENDING SYG PO ON STRATEGIC SITUATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE REPORT ON ECONOMIC TRENDS IN EAST AND WEST AS REFERENCES UNDER MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

V - STUDY ON ALLIANCE DEFENSE PROBLEMS FOR THE 1970'S.

A. SPRING REPORT 1975.

B. STANDARDIZATION. COMMENT: INITIALLY THERE WAS SOME RESISTANCE TO INCLUDING STANDARDIZATION AS A SEPARATE ITEM BECAUSE THERE APPARENTLY WILL NOT BE A SEPARATE REPORT ON STANDARDIZATION; DRC EVENTUALLY AGREED THAT AGENDA WILL LIST STANDARDIZATION PARAS IN AD-70 SPRING

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REPORT AS REFERENCE DOCUMENT.

C. SPECIALIZATION/RATIONALIZATION.

D. FLEXIBILITY.

VI - CRISIS MANAGEMENT. COMMENT: MOVED FORWARD TO SIXTH POSITION ON AGENDA AT REQUEST OF UK REP (MACDONALD).

VII - AIRBORNE WARNING RADAR SYSTEM. COMMENT: NOTE NEW TITLE.

VIII - INFRASTRUCTURE, IN BRACKETS. COMMENT: INBRACKETS BECAUSE THERE MIGHT NOT BE ANY PROGRESS TO REPORT.

IX - MBFR

X - ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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